

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application. The present status of each claim is indicated in parentheses following the claim number. An instruction line precedes each claim that is amended, cancelled, or added by the instant paper.

Please **cancel** claims 1 - 18.

1-18. (CANCELLED)

Please **amend** claim 19 as follows:

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for treating a viral infection, which comprises administering to a subject an effective amount of a primary herbal composition which comprises:

(a) an extract from the leaves or seed of *Sesbania aegyptiaca* (sesban) in an amount of about 6% by weight;~~and~~

(b) ~~at least one additional herbal~~ (1) an extract  
~~selected from of the group consisting of~~ seed of

Nigella sativa, in an amount of about 23% by  
weight;

(2) an extract of the shoot of Cichorium intybus  
(pumilum), in an amount of about 6% by weight;

(3) an extract of the whole plant of Cymbopogon  
proximus, in an amount of about 7% by weight;  
and

(4) an extract of the rhizome of Hemidesmus  
indicus, in an amount of about 2% by weight;

(5) an extract of the leaves of Solenostema  
argel, in an amount of about 4% by weight;

(6) an extract of the rhizome of Rheum  
officinale, in an amount of about 2% by weight;  
and

(7) an extract of the fruit of Ecballium  
elaterium, in an amount of about 0.5% by  
weight; and

(c) (1) an extract of the seed of Foeniculum vulgare  
in an amount of about 24% by weight;

- (2) an extract of the shoot of *Centaureum erythrae* (spicatum or pulchellum) in an amount of about 11% by weight;
- (3) an extract of the flowers, leaves or stem of *Cynara cardunculus* var *scolymus* in an amount of about 7% by weight;
- (4) an extract of the root of *Inula helenium* (viscosa) in an amount of about 6% by weight;  
and
- (5) an extract of the seed of *Cuminum cyminum* in an amount of about 2% by weight,
- wherein the viral infection is selected from the group consisting of hepatitis B virus infection, hepatitis C virus infection, and a combined hepatitis B virus and hepatitis C virus infection.

Please **cancel** claim 20.

20. (CANCELLED)

Please **amend** claim 21 as follows:

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method according to claim 19, wherein the subject is a ~~mammal~~mammal.
22. (ORIGINAL) The method according to claim 21, wherein the mammal is a human.
23. (ORIGINAL) The method according to claim 19, wherein the subject is in the need of such treatment.

Please **cancel** claims 24 - 33.

24-33 (CANCELLED)

Please **add** claim 34 as follows:

34. (NEW) A method for treating a viral infection, which comprises administering to a subject an effective amount of a primary herbal composition selected from the group consisting of:

(a) (1) an extract from the leaves or seed of

*Sesbania aegyptiaca* (sesban) in an amount of about 6% by weight;

(2) an extract of the seed of *Nigella sativa* in an amount of about 23% by weight;

- (3) an extract of the shoot of *Cichorium intybus*  
(pumilum) in an amount of about 6% by weight;
- (4) an extract of the whole plant of *Cymbopogon*  
*proximus* in an amount of about 7% by weight;  
and
- (5) an extract of the rhizome of *Hemidesmus*  
*indicus* in an amount of about 2% by weight;
- (6) an extract of the leaves of *Solenostema argel*  
in an amount of about 4% by weight;
- (7) an extract of the rhizome of *Rheum officinale*  
in an amount of about 2% by weight;
- (8) an extract of the seed of *Foeniculum vulgare*  
in an amount of about 24% by weight;
- (9) an extract of the shoot of *Centaurium*  
*erythrae* (spicatum or pulchellum) in an amount  
of about 11% by weight;
- (10) an extract of the flowers, leaves or stem of  
*Cynara cardunculus* var *scolymus* in an amount of  
about 7% by weight;

(11) an extract of the root of *Inula helenium*  
(viscosa) in an amount of about 6% by weight;  
and

(12) an extract of the seed of *Cuminum cyminum* in  
an amount of about 2% by weight;

(b) (1) an extract of the fruit of *Ecballium*  
*elaterium* in an amount of about 0.5% by weight;  
and

(c) a combination of (a) and (b),

wherein the viral infection is selected from the group  
consisting of hepatitis B virus infection, hepatitis C  
virus infection, and a combined hepatitis B virus and  
hepatitis C virus infection.